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OF THE MEDIUM-TERM AND LONG-TERM RECOVERY AND REHABILITA-  
TION PROGRAMME IN THE SUDANO-SAHELIAN REGION

1. FOLLOWING DRAFT RESOLUTION (E.1978/E.3/L.3) DATED 13  
JULY 1978 SUBMITTED TO THIRD COMMITTEE JULY 14. SPONSORS  
ARE ETHIOPIA, MAURITANIA, SUDAN, TOGO, UNITED ARAB  
EMIRATES, UNITED REPUBLIC OF CAMEROON, UNITED REPUBLIC  
OF TANZANIA, AND UPPER VOLTA. DEBATE EXPECTED BEGIN  
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BEGIN TEXT: THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL RECALLING THE  
RELEVANT RESOLUTIONS OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY AND THE  
ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL, PARTICULARLY RESOLUTIONS  
3253 (XXIX) OF 4 DECEMBER 1974 3512 (XXX) OF 15 DECEMBER  
1975, 31/180 OF 21 DECEMBER 1976 AND 32/159 OF 19 DECEMBER

1977 AND COUNCIL RESOLUTIONS 1918 (LVIII) OF 5 MAY 1975 AND 2103 (LXIII) OF 3 AUGUST 1977, RECALLING FURTHER GENERAL ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION 32/170 OF 19 DECEMBER 1977, CONCERNING MEASURES TO BE TAKEN FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE SUDANO-SAHELIAN REGION, PARTICULARLY ITS PARAGRAPHS 2 AND 3 CONCERNING PROPOSED MEASURES AND MODES OF ACTION FOR IMPLEMENTING PROJECTS AND PROGRAMMES TO COMBAT THE DESERTIFICATION IN THE SUDANO-SAHELIAN REGION AND PROPOSED MEASURES TO IMPROVE INSTITUTIONAL ARRANGEMENTS IN THE REGION,

- CONSIDERING THAT THE NATURE AND SCOPE OF THE NEEDS OF THE COUNTRIES OF THE SUDANO-SAHELIAN REGION MAKE IT NECESSARY FOR THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY TO CONTINUE AND TO STRENGTHEN ITS SOLIDARITY ACTION IN SUPPORT OF THE RECOVERY EFFORTS AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT OF THOSE COUNTRIES,
- NOTING WITH SATISFACTION THE DECISIVE ROLE PLAYED BY THE UNITED NATIONS SAHELIAN OFFICE, ON THE ONE HAND, IN HELPING TO COMBAT THE EFFECTS OF THE DROUGHT AND TO IMPLEMENT THE PRIORITY MEDIUM-TERM AND LONG-TERM REHABILITATION AND DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM ADOPTED BY THE STATES MEMBERS OF THE PERMANENT INTER-STATE COMMITTEE ON DROUGHT CONTROL IN THE SAHEL, AND, ON THE OTHER HAND, IN MOBILIZING THE NECESSARY RESOURCES TO FINANCE PRIORITY PROJECTS,
- NOTING THE NEED FOR THE IMMEDIATE IMPLEMENTATION IN THE SUDANO-SAHELIAN REGION OF THE PLAN OF ACTION TO LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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COMBAT DESERTIFICATION AND OF THE RELEVANT RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED BY THE UNITED NATIONS CONFERENCE ON DESERTIFICATION, AS CALLED FOR BY GENERAL ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION 32/170,

- CONSIDERING THE DECISION ADOPTED ON 22 MAY 1978 BY THE GOVERNING COUNCIL OF THE UNITED NATIONS ENVIRONMENT PROGRAMME AND THE DECISION ADOPTED ON 27 JUNE 1978 BY THE GOVERNING COUNCIL OF THE UNITED NATIONS DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME CONCERNING THE DESIGNATION OF THE UNITED NATIONS SAHELIAN OFFICE, IN ADDITION TO ITS PRESENT RESPONSIBILITIES, AS THE MECHANISM TO CO-ORDINATE THE UNITED NATIONS EFFORTS TO ASSIST IN THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PLAN OF ACTION TO COMBAT DESERTIFICATION IN THE 15 COUNTRIES OF THE SUDANO-SAHELIAN REGION AND THE ENLARGEMENT OF THE ORGANIZATION AND FUNCTIONS OF THE UNITED NATIONS SAHELIAN OFFICE AS WELL AS THE ORGANIZATION AND FUNCTIONS OF ITS REGIONAL OFFICE AT OUAGADOUGOU, THIS ENTERPRISE TO BE CARRIED OUT AS A JOINT UNDP/UNEP VENTURE.
- HAVING EXAMINED THE REPORT OF THE SECRETARY-GENERAL ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE MEDIUM-TERM AND LONG-TERM RECOVERY AND REHABILITATION PROGRAMME IN THE SUDANO-SAHELIAN REGION 9DP/326 AND CORR. 1) AND THE UNITED NATIONS

DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME DOCUMENT ON THE DESIGNATION OF THE UNITED NATIONS SAHELIAN OFFICE AS THE MECHANISM TO CO-ORDINATE THE UNITED NATIONS EFFORTS TO ASSIST IN THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PLAN OF ACTION TO COMBAT DESERTIFICATION IN THE SUDANO-SAHELIAN REGION (DP/L.323).

- I - IMPLEMENTATION OF THE MEDIUM-TERM AND LONG-TERM REHABILITATION AND DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME IN THE SUDANO-SAHELIAN REGION -

1. TAKES NOTE WITH SATISFACTION OF THE REPORT OF THE SECRETARY-GENERAL ON THE EFFORTS MADE TO IMPLEMENT THE MEDIUM-TERM AND LONG-TERM REHABILITATION AND DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME IN THE SUDANO-SAHELIAN REGION;
2. EXPRESSES ITS PROFOUND GRATITUDE TO THE GOVERNMENTS, UNITED NATIONS BODIES, INTERGOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS, LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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PRIVATE ORGANIZATIONS AND INDIVIDUALS THAT HAVE CONTRIBUTED TO THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE MEDIUM-TERM AND LONG-TERM RECOVERY AND REHABILITATION PROGRAMME DRAWN UP BY THE STATES MEMBERS OF THE PERMANENT INTER- STATE COMMITTEE ON DROUGHT CONTROL IN THE SAHEL;

3. URGES ALL GOVERNMENTS, UNITED NATIONS BODIES, INTER-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATIONS, PRIVATE ORGANIZATIONS AND INDIVIDUALS TO CONTINUE TO RESPOND FAVORABLY EITHER BILATERALLY OR THROUGH THE UNITED NATIONS SAHELIAN OFFICE OR ANY OTHER INTERMEDIARY, TO THE REQUESTS MADE BY THE GOVERNMENTS OF THE SUDANO-SAHELIAN COUNTRIES AND BY THE PERMANENT INTER-STATE COMMITTEE;

4. REAFFIRMS THE ROLE OF THE UNITED NATIONS SAHELIAN OFFICE AS THE FOCAL POINT AND MAIN CO-ORDINATING BODY OF THE UNITED NATIONS EFFORTS TO ASSIST THE COUNTRIES OF THE SUDANO-SAHELIAN REGION IN CARRYING OUT THEIR REHABILITATION AND DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME, INCLUDING RELATIONS WITH OTHER PARTICIPATING INSTITUTIONS OR ORGANIZATIONS;

5. REQUESTS THE UNITED NATIONS SAHELIAN OFFICE TO CONTINUE ITS CLOSE CO-OPERATION WITH THE PERMANENT INTER-STATE COMMITTEE AND ITS EFFORTS TO ENSURE CO-OPERATION BETWEEN UNITED NATIONS PROGRAMMES AND BODIES WITH A VIEW TO THE IMPLEMENTATION OF MEDIUM-TERM AND LONG-TERM ASSISTANCE PROGRAMMES;

6. REQUESTS THE SECRETARY-GENERAL TO CONTINUE TO REPORT TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY THROUGH THE GOVERNING COUNCIL OF THE UNITED NATIONS DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME AND THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE REHABILITATION AND DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME IN THE SUDANO-SAHELIAN REGION;

- II - DESIGNATION OF THE UNITED NATIONS SAHELIAN OFFICE  
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AS THE MECHANISM TO CO-ORDINATE THE UNITED NATIONS EFFORTS TO ASSIST IN THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PLAN OF ACTION TO COMBAT DESERTIFICATION IN THE SUDANO-SAHELIAN REGION -

1. TAKES NOTE WITH SATISFACTION OF AND ENDORSESTHE DECISION OF THE UNITED NATIONS ENVIRONMENT PROGRAMME GOVERNING COUNCIL DATED 22 MAY 1978 AND THE DECISION OF THE UNITED NATIONS DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME GOVERNING COUNCIL OF 27 JUNE 1978 TO DESIGNATE THE UNITED NATIONS SAHELIAN OFFICE, IN ADDITION TO ITS PRESENT RESPONSIBILITIES, AS THE MECHANISM TO CO-ORDINATE THE UNITED NATIONS EFFORTS TO ASSIST IN THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PLAN OF ACTION TO COMBAT DESERTIFICATION IN THE 15 COUNTRIES OF THE SUDANO-SAHELIAN REGION SOUTH OF THE SAHARA AND NORTH OF THE EQUATOR;

2. RECOMMENDS TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY THAT IT ENLARGE THE ORGANIZATION AND FUNCTIONS OF THE UNITED NATIONS SAHELIAN OFFICE AS WELL AS THE ORGANIZATION AND FUNCTIONS OF ITS REGIONAL OFFICE AT OUAGADOUGOU TO ASSIST, IN ADDITION TO ITS PRESENT RESPONSIBILITIES, IN THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PLAN OF ACTION TO COMBAT DESERTIFICATION IN THE 15 COUNTRIES OF THE SUDANO-SAHELIAN REGION, THIS ENTERPRISE TO BE CARRIED OUT AS A JOINT UNDP/UNEP VENTURE;

3. CALLS UPON ALL COUNTRIES, IN PARTICULAR DEVELOPED COUNTRIES, AS WELL AS MULTILATERAL FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS AND NON-GOVERNMENTAL DONORS, TO PROVIDE AND INCREASE, EITHER BILATERALLY OR THROUGH THE UNITED NATIONS SAHELIAN OFFICE, THEIR ASSISTANCE TO THE SUDANO-SAHELIAN COUNTRIES SUFFERING FROM DESERTIFICATION, ESPECIALLY FOR THE FINANCING OF THEIR SUBREGIONAL PROGRAMME AND PROJECTS WITHIN APPROPRIATE CONSORTIUM ARRANGEMENTS, SUCH AS THOSE PERTAINING TO THE SAHEL GREEN BELT;

4. INVITES THE EXECUTIVE HEADS OF THE SPECIALIZED AGENCIES AND OTHER ORGANIZATIONS AND PROGRAMMES OF THE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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UNITED NATIONS SYSTEM TO CO-OPERATE FULLY WITH THE UNITED NATIONS SAHELIAN OFFICE TO ASSIST THE 15 COUNTRIES OF THE SUDANO-SAHELIAN REGION IN THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PLAN OF ACTION TO COMBAT DESERTIFICATION;

5. REQUESTS THE SECRETARY-GENERAL TO REPORT TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY, THROUGH THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL, ON

THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PLAN OF ACTION TO COMBAT  
DESERTIFICATION IN THE SUDANO-SAHELIAN REGION. END TEXT.

2. INASMUCH AS LANGUAGE COMPATIBLE WITH  
DECISION TAKEN AT LATTER UNEP AND UNDP GOVERNING COUNCILS,  
ASSUME U.S. MAY GIVE ITS APPROVAL AND/OR EVEN COSPONSOR.

3. UNDERSTAND MRS. LILLIAN CARTER, PRESIDENT'S MOTHER -  
IS VISITING SOME SAHELIAN COUNTRIES. AMBASSADOR VANDEN  
HEUVEL SUGGESTS U.S. DELEGATE REFER TO VISIT IN U.S.  
STATEMENT ON ABOVE SUBJECT. PLEASE PROVIDE APPROPRIATE  
INFORMATION. VANDEN HEUVEL

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